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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

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1. ON OCT. 1 EMBOFF RAISED INFORMALLY REF A POINTS WITH FONMIN'S PETROLEUM AFFAIRS OFFICER, FIRST SECRETARY SEBASTIAO BARROS, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ACTING DCM WOULD DISCUSS THESE POINTS FURTHER WITH AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO ON OCT. 3, WHEN THE LATTER BECOMES AVAILABLE (REF B).

2. BARROS THOUGHT THAT ALL POINTS RAISED IN REF A SHOULD BE SETTLED AT THE PARIS PREPCON. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW.

A) CHAIRMAN OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: BARROS SAID HE HAD EXPECTED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE ONLY ONE CHAIRMAN, PERHAPS ROTATING OR FROM A NEUTRAL COUNTRY. HE HAD NO REACTION TO THE CONCEPT OF TWO CHAIRMEN.

B) SECRETARIAT: BARROS THOUGHT THE US IDEA OF SMALL, TEMPORARY GROUP WAS GOOD.

C) SITE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS: BARROS AGREED THAT THE SITE DECISION SHOULD AWAIT THE SELECTION OF THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN (OR CHAIRMEN).

D) OBSERVERS AT COMMISSIONS: BARROS DID NOT RECALL ANY CONSENSUS AT THE GROUP OF SEVEN MEETING IN GENEVA FAVORING THE RIGHT OF ANY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT TO OBSERVE A COMMISSION'S WORK. HE ALSO THOUGHT A DECISION WAS NEEDED ON WHETHER UN CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE COULD SIT AS OBSERVERS AT COMMISSION MEETINGS. BARROS NOTED THAT THE GOB HAD NOT EXPRESSED STRONG VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF OBSERVERS, AND IT REMAINED INDIFFERENT EXCEPT THAT IT BELIEVED ONLY "IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS" SHOULD SIT AS OBSERVERS IN ORDER TO AVOID A "TRADE FAIR" ATMOSPHERE.

E) AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE: BARROS SAID THERE WAS AGREEMENT AT THE GROUP OF SEVEN MEETING IN GENEVA FOR A SHORT, NON-CONTROVERSIAL AGENDA.

F) TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMISSIONS: BARROS THOUGHT THAT EACH COMMISSION SHOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN WORK PROGRAM.

3. BARROS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT PREPCON II SHOULD ALSO:

-- ESTABLISH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COMMISSIONS, PERHAPS UN RULES OR OTHER RULES ESTABLISHED BY A WORKING GROUP;

-- DECIDE HOW THE COMMISSIONS WOULD WORK, FOR INSTANCE 10 - 15 DAYS PER MONTH OR THE FULL MONTH (THE LATTER WOULD POSE PROBLEMS FOR HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS, HE SAID); AND

-- THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMMISSION SHOULD BEGIN WORKING.

4. BARROS EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE AT THE UN HAD IMPROVED DC/LDC RELATIONS, MAKING HIM MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBLE RESULTS OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. HE NOTED THAT OPEC COUNTRIES WERE LESS POPULAR NOW THAN AT THE START OF THE YEAR, AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT A COOPERATIVE APPROACH BY THE DCS COULD HELP PROMOTE A "CLEAVAGE" BETWEEN OPEC AND LDC CONSUMERS.

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